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SUBJ: CONTACTS BETWEEN RINGLEADER OF MILITARY

ACADEMY ATTACK AND MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD

REF: CAIRO 2637

1. DURING INVESTIGATION INTO CASE OF APRIL 18  
ATTACK ON MILITARY TECHNICAL ACADEMY GOE HAS  
RELEASED INFORMATION TO EFFECT THAT RINGLEADER,  
SALIH SIRIYYA, ATTEMPTED TO RECRUIT MEMBERSHIP OF  
HIS ORGANIZATION FROM EGYPTIAN INTERNAL GROUPS.  
WITH EXCEPTION OF EARLY REPORT THAT HE HAD ONCE  
BEEN MEMBER OF MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD, HOWEVER,  
THERE WAS NOTHING TO LINK CASE WITH PRESENT-DAY  
IKHWANISTS.

2. TWO PIECES OF INFORMATION RECENTLY APPEARING  
IN CAIRO PRESS NOW INDICATE THAT SIRIYYA DID IN  
FACT CONTACT IKHWAN. ON APRIL 26, PRESS NOTED THAT  
SIRIYYA HAD ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH HASSAN HODEIBI  
SOMETIME BEFORE HIS DEATH (HODEIBI SUCCEDED  
BROTHERHOOD'S FOUNDER HASSAN AL-BANNA AS SUPREME  
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GUIDE FOLLOWING AL-BANNA'S ASSASSINATION IN 1949.

HE WAS IMPRISONED IN 1966 FOLLOWING IKHWANIST COUP ATTEMPT, AND WAS RELEASED TOWARD THE END OF 1972; HE REPORTEDLY DIED SOME MONTHS AGO AT THE AGE OF ABOUT 75). SECOND ITEM APPEARS APRIL 27 IN CONNECTION WITH DEMONSTRATION STAGED ON PREVIOUS DAY AT MOSQUE OF AMR BY MOSQUE-GOERS WHO HAD BEEN "INCITED BY FALSE RUMORS" THAT SHEIKH MOHAMMAD AL-GHAZALI (ONE OF THE IKHWAN'S MOST PROLIFIC WRITERS DURING ITS EARLY YEARS AND AN OPPONENT OF HODEIBI FOLLOWING LATTER'S ACCESSION AS SUPREME GUIDE) HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH ACADEMY AFFAIR. PRESS STATES THAT AL-GHAZALI HAS NOT BEEN ARRESTED BUT CONTINUES TO SERVE AS WAQFS MINISTRY ADVISOR; AHRAM STATES THAT HE WAS, NEVERTHELESS, REPLACED AS IMAM AT FRIDAY PRAYERS "UNTIL HIS POSITION IS CLEAR, SINCE SALIH SARIYYA...MENTIONED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SHEIKH AL-GHAZALI."

3. COMMENT: ABOVE IS INTERESTING IN ITS SUGGESTION THAT SARIYYA MAY HAVE SOUGHT SPECIFIC HELP FROM IKHWAN, WORKING THROUGH OLD IKHWANIST ESTABLISHMENT. EILTS

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